Proposalfor Connaught Place-Dwarka Metro Project

†*571. PROF. R.B.S. VARMA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have received any proposal from Delhi Government for Metro-Rail's ambitious Connaught Place-Dwarka Project for approval;

(b) if so, by when Government would sanction for proposal and sent it back to Delhi Government;

(c) the total length of the project together with details of stations in Dwarka; and;

(d) by when it is likely to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI ANANTH KUMAR): (a) and (b) No, Sir. However, a Detailed Project Report (DPR) for Connaught Place-Dwarka corridor has been got prepared by the Delhi Metro Rail Corporation (DMRC) and this is presently being examined by the Government of National Capital Territory of Delhi (GNCTD). The matter can be considered by Government of India only after this proposal is formally approved and forwarded to Government of India by the Government of NCT of Delhi.

(c) The total length of this corridor is expected to be 23.16 km. The details of the stations will be known only when this corridor is appraised.

(d) The likely date of completion will be known only after this corridor is approved.

Inclusion of Thachar Community in SC list

*572. SHRI N.K. PREMACHANDRAN: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to refer to answer to Starred Question 120 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 26th November, 2001 and state:

(a) whether Government have received any comments from the State Government of Kerala regarding the inclusion of 'Thachar' community in the Scheduled Caste list;.and-

(b) if so, the action taken thereon?

†Original notice of the Question was received in Hindi.

THE MINISTER OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (DR. SATYANARAYANJATIYA): (a) No. Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Spurious Drugs

*573. DR. ALL.ADI P. RAJKUMAR:

SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH:,

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether spurious drugs are being manufactured on a large scale and flooding Indian market; and

(b) if so. the action taken to tackle the problem on a war-footing?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. C.P. THAKUR): (a) and (b) Government is aware of the problem of manufacture and sale of spurious drugs. As per the feedback given by the State Licensing Authorities, out of the 35570 and 33,760 samples tested during the period 1999-2000 and 2000-2001. 115 and 112 samples respectively were found to be spurious which is approximately 0.33 percent. Since manufacture and sale of spurious drugs is a clandestine activity indulged in by anti-social persons, steps are taken from time to time by the enforcement authorities of the States to detect and unearth spurious/fake drugs in the interstate commerce. As per feedback available from the State Licensing Authorities, 17 cases related to spurious drugs have been reported from Delhi, Rajasthan, Gujarat, Andhra Pradesh, Bihar, Karnataka. Maharashtra and Uttar Pradesh in the last two years (Statement-I). *(See* below) 68 persons have been arrested in this regard during the period 2000-2001 (Statement II and III). *(See* below)

The Drugs' Controller General (India) has advised the State Drugs Controller to take the following measures for curbing the incidence of spurious drugs :—

(i) Constitution and reactivation of State Drug Advisory Committees in which various trade and industry associations as well as consumer associations should find representation.

(ii) Establishment of separate intelligence-cum-iegal machinery with police assistance.

(iii) Training should be provided to selected officials of Drug Control Administration in the modalities of intelligence work prosecution etc. in respect of spurious counterfeit drugs.